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THE AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

The Association was founded in 1825, its object being "to diffuse the knowledge and promote the interests of pure Christianity. In furtherance of this purpose the Association publishes books, reports, and tracts; supports missionaries; establishes and maintains churches, and aids in supporting ministers; assists students in preparing for the ministry; and helps fellow-citizens of foreign birth and speech in entering upon their American life. It administers endowments for the benefit of schools and churches of the Unitarian order; for the relief of poor and worthy ministers and the widows of ministers; for providing public lectures in centers of population; for the benefit of schools for colored people in the South; and for many other beneficent purposes.

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The Union was organized in 1896, and its purposes are to foster the religious life; to bring the young people of the Unitarian churches into closer relations with one another; and to spread rational views of religion and to put into practice such principles of life and duty as tend to uplift mankind. The cardinal principles of the Union are truth, worship and service. It maintains a field secretary to promote the organization of the young people and to extend the fellowship of the Union.

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EDITORIAL

WITHIN six months we may hope to greet the appearance of a revised Hymn Book, a new Service Book, a new collection of responsive readings, and a Minister's Handbook. As all these publications are for the use of Congregational Unitarian churches, it may be well for us to consider seriously how far the Unitarian body as a whole has been able to identify itself with the true spirit of worship. Undoubtedly, our churches vary more widely than the churches of other denominations in the uses they make of the devotional opportunity. The service in King's Chapel and a few other Eastern churches differs only slightly from that of the ordinary Episcopal church; while other churches, more usually in the West than in the East, dispense almost entirely with concerted services, as well as with the communion, and with recogniton of the principal days of the church calendar. Why should we not, therefore, when these various service books appear, deliberately ask ourselves in what way we can make them of greatest use to our people?

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IF anyone competent to answer the question were asked what our Unitarian churches are most noted for, and in what way they best serve the present age, the answer probably would be that they insist above all else upon the discovery and expression of the truth—the truth with regard to the religious life, as distinguished from the dogmas and doctrines that have made their appearance in ages past. Among Unitarians themselves there may be a wide divergence as to what constitutes the truth. Some may yield more to poetry and symbolism than others, and some may insist upon carrying their logical processes to extremes. But all Unitarian ministers and scholars agree that the individual mind shall not be hampered or prevented by any external authority. So long as one is consistent with his own understanding of the truth he holds the Unitarian attitude. Nothing in organized Unitarianism, whether represented by our national bodies or by our individual congregations, would be tolerated which *imposed* its belief upon the people.

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IN view of this fact Unitarians should always remember that truth can be expressed sometimes even more forcibly through symbolism than through logical processes of thought. They should also remember that truth (which is another name for reality)

sometimes finds its most effective avenue of expression not where one person ponders by himself in solitude, but where an assembly is gathered and where the magnetic influence of the congregation itself is impressed upon the individual. We often think most clearly, frequently rise to our highest aspirations, feel ourselves revitalized for greater effort when we are touched by the soul of the assembly; that is, by the combined thoughts, aspirations and vitalities of others gathered about ourselves. This is why so many people can find in a well-conducted church service that which they could never find in the utterance of a single preacher, no matter how eloquent and persuasive the speaker might be. Any church that expects, therefore, to fill the full sphere of its existence must know how to express the truth in terms of devotion. Right here is the one opportunity that differentiates the church from any and all other organizations. It is in recognition of this fact that our Unitarian Association has, from time to time, published books which are intended to contribute to right habits of the devotional life.

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HAS not the time now arrived for us to recognize a uniform spirit of devotion? We do not need to believe alike. We do not need to be guided and controlled by an authoritative system of church discipline, as if we were little children. We do not need for one moment to assume that anyone in our entire body desires to hold dominion over any congregation or any person, and just because this is so well understood are we not now under the safe guidance of the spirit of freedom sufficiently to emphasize as much as possible the value of congregational worship? May we not hope that the ministers, the choristers and the congregations of our churches will, when the new Hymn Book appears, adopt it and make the most of it? And by making the most of it we mean that our congregations will arrange for the careful examination and practice of the music it contains. There will be many new hymns, as well as a considerable number of unfamiliar tunes. Then why not train our congregations, especially their younger members, in the singing of that music and the learning of those hymns? Doubtless, not one of our Hymn Books has been adequately assimilated by our congregations. Has not the time now arrived when, through such facilities as we shall have, our people may learn so well how to sing together and how to enjoy together all the beautiful suggestion and symbolism of our hymns that each congregation shall, as never before, receive the uplift which only a devotional assembly can produce?

May we not also hope that when the new Service Book makes its appearance it will be adopted as widely as possible, and all its richness of spiritual suggestion appropriated by each congregation, and thus indirectly by each individual composing the congregation? Let us remember that in standing for the truth there is a kind of truth which comes through worship which we all need, and which no single voice can utter,—that mystic truth which is a reality evolved by the many.

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NOT long since one of our ministers attended a Methodist prayer meeting at a fashionable summer resort where, upon every hand, there were excesses, temptations and allurements which many persons could not well resist without the spirit of real religion. During the service

there were many sentimental hymns sung which his cultivated sense did not enjoy. There were many "testimonies" given which Unitarians themselves would not have found it possible to utter. There were experiences enumerated which, on the whole, Unitarians think it is wise to keep to themselves; but when he came away he had a feeling that for the people who had gathered at that prayer meeting certain practical results had been attained. For instance, he was especially interested in a short speech made by a servant girl who had arrived in the town the day before, and who at the first opportunity had attended this religious service. Her words were practically as follows:

"You do not know how thankful I am to find this place. I have come here a stranger. Here I can sing and pray with you in a way that is not strange to me, and I feel at home. The thought of my life in God helps me very much. It protects me. When I am tempted I think of this heavenly life, and then I am made strong to resist temptation. This is a great joy to me. It is a great help to me to know that I am in the safe keeping of my heavenly father. And now, while I am in this place, please tell me if there is anything I can do. If there is any way that I can help, I will do it gladly and thankfully, and with my whole heart."

In this simple, earnest, unstudied utterance there was no cant and no affectation. Her conscious relation to God, a relation which was strengthened by this religious service, was first her joy; secondly, it was her protection from temptation; thirdly, it was her comfort, making a home for her in this strange place where she had no friends; and fourthly, it was that which prompted her to offer herself in service. If concerted worship can do for all of us what it did for that servant girl, it is worthy our encouragement and co-operation. The methods adopted by our ritualistic friends are too cumbersome, and they involve interpretations of life which violate our sense of what is true, and they imply an ecclesiastical authority which we cannot accept. The sentimentalism, and sometimes the sensationalism, of our "evangelical" friends are equally distasteful to the average Unitarian. We do not wear our hearts upon our sleeves, and we have no desire to make the deepest and most sacred experiences of our life the objects of public curiosity. The cool-minded, thoughtful Unitarian is made to feel hypocritical by ritualism, and silly by sensationalism. He needs methods of worship which are adapted to his peculiar type of life, and it is such methods that the forthcoming Hymn Book and Service Books attempt to furnish. And if, by our cordial reception of them, we incorporate their thoughts and sentiments into our lives, we shall surely have an abundant source of spiritual refreshment. In some measure they will bring to those who use them what every worshipper desires; namely, an increase of the joy of life, a defence against temptation and sin, a sense of comfort in being in the universal home, and it will go a long way towards causing each individual to lay aside his or her self-consciousness and devote thought and strength to the service of humanity.

THE QUESTION COLUMN

The following questions are sent to the editors of WORD AND WORK by Associate members of the American Unitarian Association. While the answers will attempt to represent the spirit, and as far as possible the opinions and beliefs of Unitarians in general, the Secretary of the Association is alone responsible for any religious or theological views which they may contain.

Question:

What do the Unitarians teach in regard to the "Resurrection?"

R. P. B.

Rogers, Ark.

Answer:

So far as the "Resurrection of Jesus" is concerned, Unitarians in general rely upon a critical study of the gospel narratives. Such study does not adequately support a belief in bodily resurrection. Modern knowledge does not support it.

It should be remembered, however, that Unitarians are believers in the persistence of life, and none more than they appreciate the spiritualized influence of Easter and the wonderful symbolism associated with the Easter tradition. (See Tract No. 228.)

Question:

To what extent is Unitarianism Christo-centric? Is it not inconsistent in a Unitarian to make Christ an object of adoration?

K. R. C.

Boston, Mass.

Answer:

Unitarianism, as such, is not Christo-centric in any degree, if by that you mean that Christ is made an object of worship. But among Unitarian ministers and in Unitarian literature great latitude is taken in the recognition of Christ as an historic influence. Some would go so far as to make the Christ tradition the vital element in all religious expression, while others would almost entirely ignore it in favor of that cosmic religious sense of which Christianity is but one manifestation.

Question:

Do Unitarians, in general, believe in an esoteric sense in the trinity of God, in that, thought of as the Creator, he is the Father; thought of as the Divinity manifest in the created, he is son; and thought of as the Bond of Love between the Creator and the created, he is the Holy Ghost?

Answer:

Unitarians, in general, would regard such a discriminating definition of deity as entirely gratuitous, or as an effort to read into the dogma of the Trinity a meaning which the modern mind could accept. The average Unitarian would be more likely to state his thought of deity in the simple and elementary words which Jesus quoted from Deuteronomy—"Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God, is *one* Lord."

Question:

Please explain Mark, ix:1. "And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, that there be some of them that stand here which shall not taste of death till they have seen the Kingdom of God come with power."

A. E. G.

Carlisle, Pa.

Answer:

The early apostles undoubtedly believed in the immediate end of the world. It is not improbable that Jesus shared in this belief. It was at that time a common conviction throughout Palestine, and whether Jesus so believed or not his immediate followers reported his words in the light of the average understanding.

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Ministerial Personals

Rev. Charles T. Canfield, one of the veterans of our ministry and of the Civil War, died at Walpole, N. H., on Feb. 7, aged ninety. Rev. S. L. Eberfeld, formerly of Charlestown, N. H., has accepted a call to Peterboro, N. H. Rev. John A. Hayes, formerly of Haverhill, has accepted a call to Chicopee, Mass. Rev. M. Lilliefors has resigned at Omaha, Neb., and Rev. J. L. Robinson at Barneveld, N. Y. Rev. G. H. Zastrow, late of Derby, Conn., has accepted a call to Humboldt, Iowa. Rev. E. A. Chase has resigned at Westwood, Mass.; Rev. G. L. Spurr has accepted a call to the North Church, Hingham, Mass.; and Rev. Bradford Leavitt has resigned at the First Church in San Francisco to take effect April 30th.

Among the installations of the month have been those of Rev. E. S. Meredith at the Third Religious Society in Dorchester, Mass., on Feb. 2; Rev. H. L. Pickett at East Lexington on Feb. 3; Rev. H. H. Burch at Youngstown, Ohio, on Feb. 9; Rev. E. H. Cotton at Danvers on Feb. 9.

Rev. Matthew R. Scott has been granted a leave of absence for several months by his congregation at Vancouver, B. C., on account of ill health. Mr. Scott has gone to England, whence his congregation hopes that he will be able to return in a few months.

Rev. Joseph H. Crooker, D. D., who has been filling the pulpit at Redlands, Cal., for several months, will leave California on April 1st, to come East. He will preach at Lawrence, Kan., for the first two Sundays in April, and will then proceed to New England.

Mr. E. B. Backus, who graduated last year from Meadville, and is now studying in Europe on the Crufts Fellowship, has accepted a call to the church at Lawrence, Kan., and expects to take up work there on September 1st.

Finances

Since the last issue of Word and Work twenty-one churches have sent in their contributions for the national work. Of these, nine have given more than last year, nine have given the same as last year, and three have given less than last year. The church in Neponset makes a substantial gain in its gift, and gains are also recorded from the First Church in Salem, from Concord, Peabody and Clinton, Mass., and from Nashua, N. H.

The present facts of the financial situation are these. The budget of the Association for the fiscal year ending April 30th carries appropriations which in round numbers amount to $117,000. Of this sum $42,000 can be relied upon as the income of the unrestricted endowment. About $30,000 has been received in contributions up to March 1st. In the remaining two months of the financial year it will be necessary for the churches and the friends of the cause to furnish the remaining $45,000 needed to maintain the work they have commissioned their representatives to do. For the last fifteen years the Directors of the Association have expended for the advancement of our common work all the money entrusted to them, but they have never had to report a deficit. If this happy record is to be continued,

it will require the prompt and hearty co-operation of all our ministers and people.

Anniversaries

Three Unitarian societies have recently fitly celebrated interesting anniversaries. The First Church in Buffalo has celebrated the eightieth anniversary of the organization of the society by a Sunday service, a reception and a special meeting addressed by neighboring ministers and friends. The society in Wollaston had, on Jan. 31, Feb. 1 and 2, a three days' celebration of its twenty-fifth anniversary, with a well-devised program admirably carried out. Dr. Eliot preached the Anniversary sermon on Sunday, Feb. 2. The First Church in Medford celebrated its two hundredth anniversary on Feb. 9-11, with an historical sermon, a reception and addresses by the Mayor, Judge Wait and the President of the Association.

Journeys

Rev. Samuel M. Crothers as a lecturer on the Billings Foundation has spent the month in the Northwest. He first took part in Convocation Week at Meadville, then spent a week at Chicago as preacher to the University, and then proceeded to keep appointments at St. Paul, Winnipeg, Calgary and Edmonton. Rev. Alfred Manchester has started upon a journey in the southern seaboard cities. His Sunday appointments begin at Charleston, S. C., on March 9th, and the next Sunday he will help in the dedication of the new chapel at Orlando, Fla. He will then preach and speak at Atlanta, Chattanooga and Lynchburg.

Mr. Henry M. Williams, the Treasurer of the Association, spoke at the laying of the corner-stone of the new church in Washington on February 13th, and conferred with the trustees. He then visited Richmond and Norfolk, Va., speaking and conferring with our friends in the societies in those places.

Rev. W. I. Lawrance has nearly completed his long southern journey. He has kept all the appointments of a strenuous itinerary, and his reports have been steadily encouraging. He is now in the West, and headed Eastward. He will join his colleagues of the Department of Religious Education at Cleveland on March 10th.

The New Hymn Book

Inquiry is often made about the state of preparation of the new Hymn and Service Books. The work of compilation has been going forward in the hands of industrious and experienced committees for more than a year and is now well advanced. The Hymn Book has gone to the printer. The committee's work is completed, except so far as corrections may be made upon the proofs. There is no further opportunity for addition or amendment. The setting of music type is, however, a slow business and the composition, presswork and binding will take a number of months. The committee feels, however, that the book can reasonably be expected to be ready for the churches in September.

The new Service Book is in a more advanced stage of progress. For the convenience of the committee the compilation of the Service Book has divided itself into three sections. Of these three sections, the first, containing the five regular services and the special services for Christmas, Easter, Communion, Commemoration, and Righteousness and Peace, are in page

proofs awaiting only the final revision of the committee. Samples of the First Service and the Christmas Service have been sent to many of our ministers, and their comments will help the committee in its final revision. The second section, containing the Psalter for responsive reading, has not yet gone to the printer, but is now receiving the careful and deliberate study of the committee. The third section, containing the prayers and collects, is in galley proofs, awaiting only condensation and the completion of the Psalter to go into page proofs. The book might, therefore, be issued in the Spring, but probably it will appear at the same time as the Hymn Book.

The Minister's Handbook, containing the services of Baptism, Joining the Church, Marriage, Funeral, etc., is in page proofs. The work of the committee will be issued in two neat little volumes, one containing the services with twenty-five selected poems, and the other a considerable selection of hymns and poems suitable for a minister's use at funerals. These books will go to press this month.

These books are going to be obtainable in various forms. Each will be published separately or in any combinations that the convenience of a church or a minister may suggest. Further, the Responsive Readings, compiled by Dr. Goldsmith, which have just been issued by the Association as a separate book, will also be available for binding up with the Hymn Book or Service Book if any church or minister prefers these readings to the responsive readings from the Psalms. It is the purpose of the Publication Committee to keep the price of all these books just as low as circumstances permit. No price has yet been set, because the cost of manufacture is still undetermined. Further, of course, the price must vary with the binding selected by each purchasing church. It can only be said at this time that the Directors feel that they can render no better service to the churches than by issuing these books at a cost to the churches which will no more than cover the actual expense of manufacture and handling.

Church Extension

A new Unitarian society was organized January 21st at Seattle, Wash., under the name of the University Unitarian Society of Seattle. It has been apparent for some months that there was room for another Unitarian church, nearer to the University of Washington, which is located some five miles from the centre of the city, and nearly four miles from the present Unitarian church. Last December the Association made a small appropriation to meet the expenses of carrying on some experimental evening services. A Sunday School was started, the people were able to rent an abandoned Presbyterian church, and the experiment proved so successful that organization followed. The Association has now purchased an admirably located lot of land adjacent to the University Campus. A University branch Alliance has been formed, and the new society is on the lookout for a minister to take up the work next Fall. The enterprise is a most promising one, and offers an unusual stimulating and attractive field of service.

The society at Calgary held an enthusiastic parish meeting on February 11th, at which it extended a call to the Rev. C. F. Niles of Menomonie, Wis., to come to Calgary as the first permanent minister of the society.

About 60 persons sat down to the annual supper, and the best of spirit prevailed. If Mr. Niles accepts the call to this important and stimulating post, Rev. Frank W. Pratt, Field Secretary for Northwest Canada, will shortly leave Calgary to take up work in some one of several other cities of the Canadian Northwest which are simply waiting for his arrival before organizing a Unitarian society.

Department of Religious Education

The three members of the staff of this department will attend the tenth annual meeting of the Religious Education Association, which is to be held in Cleveland, March 10-13. Dr. Starbuck, who is the Executive Secretary of the Department of Universities and Colleges, has had the arrangement of that part of the program in charge. The preliminary announcement of the program offers a most attractive and important series of addresses and discussions on the whole theme of religious education in the various departments of instruction, universities, public schools, church and Sunday school, Christian associations and clubs, and in the home.

The sessions are divided into three groups: 1. The general sessions, meeting on the three evenings of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and the annual meeting on Thursday morning. 2. The departmental meetings, which are held on the mornings and afternoons, Monday to Thursday. 3. Special meetings of committees and commissions. All of these, except the last, are open to the public and are certain to present a remarkable group of speakers who have given much consideration to the important topics they are to present.

The Department of Sunday Schools presents not only vital topics for consideration but an array of familiar names. The report of a special commission on the Correlation of the Educational Work of Churches is to be given by Prof. Walter S. Athearn of Des Moines, Iowa, whose Sunday School Institute in that city for teachers of all denominations has brought his work into national reputation.

Mr. Lawrance, the Secretary of this department, will discuss the subject of "Graded Worship," with Rev. B. S. Winchester and Miss Margaret Slattery, also of Boston, while the subject of "Children and Church Worship" is to be presented by Prof. George A. Coe, of New York.

The Sunday-school section of the program will also present such practical topics as "Training for Citizenship Through the Sunday School and Boys' and Girls' Clubs" and "The Relation of the Young People's Societies in the Churches to the Sunday School." On its educational side, the theme of "Experiments in Moral Education" discusses the place of religion in moral training, the problem of instruction in ethics and the practical methods by which such instruction is to be given. The familiar names of Rev. Washington Gladden, of Columbia, S. C., and Rev. Charles F. Dole, of Jamaica Plain, appear on the program for the session of Thursday, March 13th, when they are both to speak upon the question, "What Is the Dominant Function of the Church in the Life of To-Day?"

It is difficult to select from so extensive a program the subjects which would seem of most importance to those attending the meetings. Certainly out of the thirty meetings which will be presented in the four days of the sessions there will be ample material for everyone interested in the

important work of religious education to give attention to his own special department of work or that which most engages his interest and thought. It is to be hoped that Sunday-school workers and ministers from our own churches will take advantage of this splendid opportunity to hear the latest and best word concerning religious education given by speakers who are authorities in their special subjects, and who command national attention by the importance of their work.

A series of meetings with our churches and Sunday schools has been arranged for the members of this department, to be filled on their way to the meetings in Cleveland. Mr. Lawrance will complete his tour through the South and West, Dr. Starbuck is to speak at Rochester, N. Y., Detroit and Ann Arbor, Mich., and Toledo, Ohio, while Miss Buck will be heard in Youngstown, Marietta and Cincinnati, Ohio; Louisville, Ky.; Indianapolis, Ind., and Jamestown, N. Y. The itinerary of the three workers will close with a meeting in Unity Church, Cleveland, on Sunday evening, March 9th, at which the three members of the faculty will be heard.

Following the meetings in Cleveland, Dr. Starbuck is to give a course of lectures at the Meadville Theological School, preaching on the three remaining Sundays in March at Buffalo, Erie and Pittsburgh.

Department of Foreign Relations

The Secretary, Rev. C. W. Wendte, has been busily engaged during the past month in the work of his department, which has involved an unusual amount of correspondence.

In Italy, Rev. G. Conte is hard at work extending his organization, the Free Believers, and perfecting his modest but interesting magazine, "La Riforma Italiana." This periodical has recently been reconstructed, and now appears in an enlarged and handsome form. The leading articles for the past three months have been by Signor Angelo Crespi, on "Shall Education Be Religious or Scientific?"; Rev. J. T. Sunderland, on "The Evolution of the World" and "The Evolution of Religion;" and Rev. M. J. Savage, on "The Christ We Love," together with many minor articles, book reviews, correspondence, notes, etc.

As there is a growing demand by our Post Office Mission workers and others for Italian free religious literature to circulate among the immigrants from Italy, it is now planned to arrange for the circulation of this magazine in this country also. In the next WORD AND WORK we hope to be able to give fuller information concerning this matter.

The "Almannaco," or year book of the Modernist review, "Coenobium," published at Lugano and Milan, contains an extended statement of Unitarian Faith, written by Rev. C. W. Wendte.

An interesting meeting of the Church of the Disciples Women's Alliance was held on February 22d, at which Miss Viola Allen, recently returned from Italy, gave an account, very favorable, of Mr. Conte's endeavors. The Secretary of this department and Mrs. Charles G. Ames also spoke on the situation in Italy. An interest in this work seems to have been created in this important branch of the Women's Alliance.

The Worcester Post Office Mission has undertaken work in Germany through the columns of the "Frankfurter Zeitung," one of the chief organs of German liberalism. Rev. Mr. Walbaum is in charge of this work, whose results will be awaited with interest.

The preliminary program of our Sixth International Congress at Paris, July 16 to 22, has been prepared by the Secretary, and is now in press. It has been the work of two years of preparation in Europe and this country, and embraces a truly remarkable array of eminent names and timely themes for the consideration of liberal and progressive thinkers.

Meanwhile the American delegate party, sailing June 28th, is rapidly filling up. Nearly 120 persons have already enrolled themselves. It is especially hoped that our churches will send their ministers to the Paris Congress. Some have already arranged to do this. It would be a great advantage to them intellectually, as well as physically, and also assure the continuance of our Unitarian interest and influence in this world-wide movement to advance liberal religion.

The Relief Fund for the Macedonian orphans and widows sent to Rev. Mr. Toplisky, our Bulgarian representative, has been closed. The department returns its thanks to the generous friends who participated in this work of mercy.

The visit of Mr. Rabindranath Tagore, of Calcutta, the eminent man of letters and representative of the Brahmo Somaj, has brought us great inspiration. Mr. Tagore was heard at the Rochester Congress of Liberals, gave two or three lectures in Emerson Hall before a Harvard audience, and also addressed the theological students of the Divinity School. He is to participate in the Paris Congress.

Department of Social and Public Service

Readers of WORD AND WORK will remember the successful social service conference held last December. That conference was arranged especially to meet the needs of city and suburban churches. Following hard upon it came a general demand for a similar series of meetings for the discussion of country problems, and in response to these requests the Department has arranged a rural conference to be held on Wednesday afternoon and evening and Thursday morning and afternoon, March 5th and 6th. These dates were chosen because the fifth annual meeting of the New England conference on rural progress is to be held in Boston on the next day, Friday, the 7th, and this will enable delegates to attend both conferences. The programs which follow supplement each other, and together present an unusual number of interesting topics to be discussed by many distinguished speakers. It is hoped that every country church will be represented at the conference by its minister and delegates, and those who are expecting to attend are invited to send their names to Mr. E. S. Forbes, secretary of the Department, 25 Beacon St., Boston.

The meetings will be held on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning and afternoon, at Channing Hall, 25 Beacon St., Boston, and on Wednesday evening, at the Chapel of Arlington St. Church, 351 Boylston St., Boston, at 8 o'clock.

Program.

Wednesday, March 5, 1913, Channing Hall, at 2 o'clock.

Presiding, Rev. Samuel A. Eliot, D. D.

Country Life and the Country Church

Address, "The Rural Problem," by Rev. Joseph W. Strout, minister of the Congregational Church, Rehoboth, Mass.

Address, "The Development of the Latent Resources of the Country," by Hon. Charles M. Gardner, Master of the Massachusetts State Grange.

Address, "The Social Responsibilities of the Country Church," by Rev. Frederick E. Emrich, D. D., Secretary of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society.

Evening

Presiding, Joseph Lee, President of the Playground and Recreation Association of America.

Recreation.

Address, "How Country People Amuse Themselves," by Rev. Henry G. Ives, minister of the Unitarian Church, Andover, N. H.

Address, "Rural Recreation," by Frank L. Boyden, Principal of Deerfield Academy, Deerfield, Mass.

Address, "The Country Church as a Social Centre," by Rev. George Frederick Wells, Chairman of the Methodist Country Church Commission.

Thursday, March 6, 1913

Morning at 10 o'clock

Presiding, Elmer S. Forbes, Secretary of the Department of Social and Public Service.

Public Health

Address, "Home Sanitation," by Prof. Earle B. Phelps, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Address, "The Role of the Visiting Nurse in Rural Communities," by Miss Mary Beard, Director of the Boston District Nursing Association.

Address, "How the Churches Can Promote the Public Health," by Dr. Mark W. Richardson, Secretary, Massachusetts State Board of Health.

Afternoon at 2 o'clock

Presiding, Prof. Thomas N. Carver, President of the Country Church Association.

Community Advance.

Address, "A Community Program," by E. L. Morgan, Community Field Agent, Massachusetts Agricultural College.

Address, "The Co-operation of the Churches With Each Other and With Other Social Forces," by Rev. E. Tallmadge Root, Field Secretary, Massachusetts Federation of Churches.

Address, "The Call of the Country Parish," by Kenyon L. Butterfield, President of the Massachusetts Agricultural College.

On the next day will occur the Fifth Annual Meeting of the New England Conference on Rural Progress, in Horticultural Hall,

For complete program send to James A. McKibben, Secretary, P. O. box 1,636, Boston, Mass.

The Washington Church

On February 13th the cornerstone of the new All Soul's Church and Edward Everett Hale memorial parish house in Washington was laid with appropriate ceremonies. The new church is to stand on Sixteenth Street between R and S Streets. More than five hundred people braved the cold to take part in the ceremonies. The Grand Lodge of Masons had charge of the exercises and the Grand Commander used the silver trowel used by Washington in laying the cornerstone of the capitol building in 1793. President Taft as a member of the congregation spread the mortar over the foundation upon which the cornerstone rests and the Grand Secretary placed in the cornerstone two copper chests, one containing the contents of the stone when it was laid for the church in Fourteenth Street in 1877, and the other containing various appropriate documents and pictures of the present time

President Taft then made a brief address in which he said,

"Dear Friends: We are met today

to lay the cornerstone of a church to be erected in Washington, the capital of the country, in which the doctrines of liberal Christianity will be preached and the love of God and the brotherhood of man inculcated, and a broad spirit of charity and tolerance in the religious beliefs of mankind manifested.

"In this center of political influence —in this home of the sovereignty of American people——it is well that the Unitarian Church should have a strong congregation, representative of a church founded in the deep spirit of religious conviction and of confidence in the justice and love of an all-wise and all-merciful God, and dedicated to the teaching and spread of the principles of a broad and rational Christianity.

"The site which has been selected and the edifice which has been designed and projected—all insure an opportunity for greatly increasing the influence of Unitarianism in this capital and in the country. We may properly hope that from the new All Souls' Church and the parish house, bearing the name of Edward Everett Hale, which are to be united under a common roof at this place, shall radiate an influence, making much for righteousness and the highest ideals of true religion."

Mr. Henry M. Williams, the Treasurer of the Association, then expressed the congratulations of the Unitarian fellowship at large. The cornerstone hymn written by Rev. Clay MacCauley and sung at the laying of the same cornerstone in 1877 was then sung, and Dr. Pierce, the minister of the church, offered prayer. Senator Fletcher of Florida, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the church, presented the thanks of the congregation to the Grand Lodge, to President Taft and Mr. Williams. Following the exercises a reception was held at the neighboring house of Dr. Pierce.

The plans for the beautiful new church have been accepted by the congregation, and when completed the church will be one of the notable buildings of the city. The parish house will contain all the modern conveniences and equipment for a large and active metropolitan church. The designs were made by Donn & Deming of Washington, who won the open competition. The actual work of building will not begin immediately, for the laying of the cornerstone was advanced in order that President Taft might participate in the ceremonies before his retirement from office.

A Fruitful Pastorate

On New Year's night the Lenox Avenue Unitarian Church, New York, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the installation of Rev. Merle St. Croix Wright. A large number of Dr. Wright's parishioners and friends assembled to hear the addresses made in his honor and to join in making him a handsome present in honor of the occasion. Dr. Wright has had a singularly successful ministry. He began in New York in a hired hall with a society of twenty-nine persons and pledges of $1,000 toward the cause. To-day the society owns a handsome house of worship free of debt, has five hundred members, a flourishing Sunday School, and a number of highly efficient working organizations. The church is indeed to be congratulated upon having retained for so long a period the services of this honored and successful minister.

National Alliance of
Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women

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226 Windermere Ave., Wayne, Pa.

At the meeting of the Executive Board, Feb. 14, 26 were present. In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Robbins took her place. The Cheerful Letter Committee reported seven traveling libraries sent out, which will become permanent when advisable. The committee asks for renewal of old and further new subscriptions. (The chairman of the Cheerful Letter Committee in each branch is requested to attend to this.) The Study Class Committee reported the addition of two new lending papers, "Aims and Work of Young People's Religious Union," and "The Bible." Miss Billings of Sharon has been added to the committee.

The names of Mrs. Theodore Lyman and Miss Louise Howe have been placed In Memoriam by the First Parish Church of Brookline, Mass.

The chairman of the Committee on Appeals reported: "Two-thirds of the working year of our Alliance Branches are past, and the responses to the appeals have been many and generous. There remains, however, something over one-third of the amount asked for the appeals to be given in the last third of our year, before our Annual Meeting. Many branches have not yet given to appeals, and it is to them that the committee and the National Board must look for the completion of the appeals.

"For several years past we have made a fine report of all appeals for the year completed at the Annual Meeting. Will not the branches which have not yet given to the National appeals send in their contributions during the next two months, so that we may make the same report this year. For information about the appeals see the October and January numbers of Word and Work.

The Southern Committee reported that conditions in the Southern field vary little from month to month, though the demands upon the time and energy of the ministers never lessen. Just after the last Board meeting came the news of the death at Greensboro, Florida, of our former representative in the Florida-Georgia circuit, Rev. Jonathan Christopher Gibson. For several years his health had been failing until he was obliged to give up active work three years ago. Mr. Gibson served the Alliance faithfully for about twenty years, as he came and went among the people. He was untiring in his efforts to bring our liberal thought to the knowledge of all whose lives he touched, many of whom but for him might never have heard of a more reasonable faith. Gentle, generous, unselfish, honest and honorable in all his dealings as neighbor and friend, his life will long stand as a worthy representative of the religion he taught—Love to God and service to man.

Every member of the Alliance since 1892 has been famiilar with the name

of Rev. John C. Gibson. His death on Jan. 11th recalls the gratitude due him for the long and arduous service given to the Alliance for nearly twenty years. Beginning as a distributor of tracts and as a circuit preacher he did true missionary work, pioneer work the like of which had not been done by Unitarians to any extent. It was a fortunate opportunity for the Alliance when Mr. Gibson undertook this work, which came as a sequence to the Post Office Mission. He worked indefatigably, preaching in schoolhouses, private homes, stores, railway stations, in the pine woods, wherever opportunity offered, until he was able to make appointments and had established a circuit for regular ministrations. From these grew a church at Faceville, Georgia, and one at Bristol, Florida, at that time the only Unitarian church in that state. Three years ago failing health interrupted his labors, and his death was not unexpected. The records of the Alliance will preserve the story of his work, but hundreds will cherish the memory of his kindly visits and the "good tidings of great joy" he brought with him.—(Ed.)

The chairman of this committee wishes to acknowledge with *many* thanks the gift which came after the last Board meeting for the needed changes at Dix House. This gift of $250, from one of the Board "In memory of M. L. L.," came as a most delightful surprise, which not only will enable the work to be done, but it cheers the hearts of all who are closely interested in the work at Shelter Neck, and will help to make that work more effective.

From the Nominating Committee to Branches of the National Alliance: Presidents are requested to read this letter to members at their next meeting.

Three new sections have been created by the National Board, namely: Canada, Central Western States and Southern States, East. Knowing your interest in matters pertaining to the national body, we hoped to send to you the list of officers and directors to be presented at the annual meeting in May. Delay on the part of some branches in answering letters has made it impossible to secure all nominations, therefore we present the list of officers, withholding the names of all directors, and the full ballot will be sent to you as usual in April.

Miss Low, who has served the Alliance so faithfully for twelve years, feels she can no longer retain the office of president. Mrs. Fifield, after thirty years of constant devotion to the cause, first as secretary of the Auxiliary, then of the Alliance, has declined re-election. Mrs. Sargent, vice-president of the Middle States, is unable to pledge herself to the definite work of this position. These decisions have been accepted by your committee with the keenest regret, as we know so well the love and appreciation all Alliance members feel for these loyal women, who have given so unsparingly of their time and strength.

We have approached the task of filling these positions with the knowledge that whoever consents to accept the nomination of this national committee will receive the continued loyal support always given to our national officers. We have endeavored to find women strong in the faith, of good courage, and, above all, filled with enthusiasm and a conviction that our organization has a great work to accomplish.

Fanny Batcheller Blair,
Chairman.

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Mrs. John W. Loud, Montreal.

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Mrs. Robert H. Davis, New York.

Treasurer

Mrs. William Noyes, Massachusetts.

The secretary of the International Committee has had an interesting letter from Miss Helen Herford of London, about the meeting to be arranged by the International Union of Women at the Paris Congress. Dr. Boros has written, giving the names of a few of the six hundred Hungarian Unitarians now in this country. Dr. Boros says: "I received a list of some of them, but their addresses are put so awkwardly that one can hardly guess where they are. Still, I thought, I should put them down for you. Perhaps some one of your Alliance members might find out one or two of them.

"If you could send me some notes on some of your leading women, present or past, and a photo, I would publish them in our *Women's World*. Perhaps the president of your Alliance ought to be the first. I mean Miss Low."

Miss Y. Zwaardenche writes: "I hope that we may mutually be of use to each other's country women, wandering far from home. Miss Van Eck told us of the enthusiastic welcome you sent us. It was most inspiriting, and gave us a heart for our task."

A devoted church worker from the Stalybridge Unitarian Church, England, has been welcomed, and a letter written to the nearest Alliance branch, asking that they extend a welcome also.

An additional word seems necessary for the branches who wonder why they are called upon to send two annual reports. According to the by-laws, the branches are required to send an annual report to the corresponding secretary to be used in compiling the Manual. This report should contain all statistics, number of members, treasurer's account, etc. The other report is presented to the Executive Board by the director or vice-president whenever called for, usually but once a year. It is the story of the branch, as told to the director, and contains the work done and planned for, the condition of the branch, its problems, its hopes and aspirations; how far it joins in the missionary work of the national body, and is connected with the many national committees. It will be seen that the two reports are quite distinct, one for use by the corresponding secre-

tary, the other made to the Board through the director.

The Alliance Hymn printed last month and inadvertently signed Grace M. Bent was written by one of the Massachusetts directors, Miss Grace M. Burt. It seems to have given pleasure in several directions.

Changed Addresses

The president of the branch at the South Congregational Church, Boston, is for this year, Mrs. George H. Earl, The Carlton, 1138 Boylston St., Boston. The corresponding secretary at Lenox Ave., New York, is Mrs. Royal Gurley, 117 West 82d St., New York.

At this meeting reports were received from the Pacific Coast and five of the N. E. states. Vancouver, B. C., has devoted much effort to the raising of the church building fund. This branch, like those in Eastern Canada, has been represented on the local Council of Women. The Washington branches are regretting the loss of the invaluable services of their director, Mrs. Weil. Spokane has kept up its usual church activities, in which the branch has been foremost. One of the methods for raising money has been business men's luncheons. At Seattle an Alliance branch has been formed in connection with the new University Unitarian Church. The annual bazaar has been abandoned for other methods of raising money. At Bellingham the social life of the church has been specially emphasized, and the secretary reports the branch in fine working order. No reports from Everett and Sedro Woolley.

The director for Oregon reports all the branches in that state in good condition. At Hood River each of the 25 members does what she can, although distances often keep them from meetings.

In looking over the minutes of the Alliance during the year, I find that an average of about ten members have met to plan and do all that has been done during the past year.

The first amount made after the New Year,—January last,—was $14, made by making fancy cakes for a private party by our ladies. Comforts ordered were next made, and some delightful all-day meetings were called for this work. After that for a time the ladies met for a number of such all-day meetings, until the time came for enthusiasm to take hold of each one, and it was at this stage in our work that the president opened her home for all-day weekly meetings, to work for the bazaar.

The Portland branch, at its fortnightly meetings, have lectures, to which the public are invited. The subjects have been, "The History and Present Attitude of Unitarianism" and "The Church and Social Welfare."

The director from Northern California reports that the Berkeley branch, 90 strong, has been active in philanthropic work, under the supervision of the pastor's wife. A delegate has been appointed to the Women's Council, with representatives from all Berkeley churches and Women's Clubs, to undertake civic work. A financial report from Santa Cruz and Fresno makes a good showing.

Los Angeles reports fellowship meeting with other churches and many social gatherings. San Diego branch is divided into four bands or sections, each planning in the raising of money. There are also visiting committees for various parts of the city. Santa Ana sends an excellent

financial report. Pomona is busy and has money in hand to pay debt on the new church improvements. At Redlands the church was closed a large part of the year, but the branch continued meetings and has now resumed active work. The meetings are inspiring and helpful, and always attended by others outside of the Alliance.

From Santa Rosa, a small branch, comes a fine report of its working force of seven women. A "Clip Social," "White Elephant Social" and a "Get Acquainted Social," all being successful, and the money used for needed repairs on the church. The Alameda branch reports financial aid given the church and good charity work done. The Society for Christian Work, First Church, San Francisco, our banner branch, with a membership over 300, has good business meetings, followed by programs on many subjects. Relief work has been carried on and contributions made as usual. The Oakland branch, with a membership of 86, sends a fine report, and has evidently had an active year of work. On Feb. 29 the branch celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary. The anniversary gift to the church was a marble pedestal for a bust of Thomas Starr King. Eureka's membership is twenty. A short but good report of work. Sacramento reports twenty-three members doing earnest work. Palo Alto branch reports two meetings each month. Has assisted Sunday school and church, and sent a monthly subscription toward the support of public playgrounds. San Jose branch sends a very cheerful and hopeful report. Has still some money in the treasury, after helping to "put the church out of debt," also made some very necessary repairs. No report from Woodland.

The Director for Eastern Maine reports the Bangor branch enjoying a Sabbatical year from solid programs, with illustrated lectures. The Sunday School the best for years, teachers all members of the Alliance. Belfast and Castine going on well, both model Alliances with excellent workers and local conditions which make these branches and their churches centres in the life of their people. Cape Rozier's faithful six are still faithful.

Eastport writes: "We need inspiration from outside." Cheerful Letter Committee doing especially good work. Fort Fairfield finds its greatest problem in raising money for the church debt and minister's salary. Houlton has courageously met many reverses, but looks forward to opportunity for study and charitable work. Lincolnville, not a year old, has sixteen members. Presque Isle has had few Alliance meetings, and like Fort Fairfield, is without a minister.

At Augusta the Channing Guild and Alliance Branch have become one organization, the Guild Alliance. The secretary reports an active interest in the branch. The Brunswick branch has discontinued meetings for this year. Farmington reports a successful year with full meetings. They are working very hard for their church. Three programme meetings have been held at Kennebunk, and there is sustained interest. The Portland Alliance continues to prosper. Delegates were sent to the N. E. meetings, the May meetings in Boston, and the State Conference. The Alliance at Saco has had a successful year, with 43 members, all active and interested. The branch at Sanford numbers 55 members, all national. Meetings are held regularly. Has P. O. M. and C. L. committees and a Benevolent Committee. The Juniors have 35 members, who take part in church work.

The Alliance at Standish holds monthly meetings and has increased its membership. The work of the Waterville Alliance is almost entirely for the support of the church.

Yarmouth has accomplished much during the past year. The Y. P. R. U. has given $25 to the parish, and the Junior Alliance is hoping to give an equal amount.

From the New Hampshire branches reports come that Cornish, without church services this winter, has held regular meetings and done good work. They have given $30 toward paying the minister's salary. The branch at Francestown has nothing but good things to report. The branch has 50 members, who continue to work together with a single aim in view,—to pay the larger part of the minister's salary—that the church may be kept open. "These closing weeks of the Alliance year find us busy and hopeful. We feel that for time and labor expended, the returns have been most gratifying." The Lebanon branch meets regularly each month, with a short literary program following the business. Most of their energies have been spent in the equipment and furnishing of a new parish house.

The Nashua branch reports a neighborhood meeting, with revival of interest, through the visit of Mrs. Davis. In December, their new minister, Rev. Mr. Townsend, spoke on "Unitarianism."

Manchester reports many affairs for raising money, some of which will be used for Alliance appeals. The *Christian Register* is still placed in the city library. The name of one member has been placed on the Memorial List, Mrs. L. J. Olzendam. It was through her influence that the sewing circle was changed into an Alliance branch. The meetings are well attended and the members enjoy the interesting programs. They also have a new minister who is much appreciated. The Concord branch has, as usual, responded to all national appeals, and joined in every activity of the Alliance. Articles and money have been sent to sales, money to the A. U. A. for Sunday school work, and the Concord Sunday school has also been helped. The meetings have been well attended, with excellent programs. The Portsmouth branch reports many literary programs, including memories of Robert Collyer. Rochester has celebrated its twentieth anniversary, and is still feeling the impetus of the Alliance gift last year. Keene has a large branch and full programs. A "kitchen orchestra" at one of the socials was very successful. Much charitable work is done, and letters to new branches have never been neglected. The Dover branch is much helped by its minister, and has raised $300 for improvements to the church. Supplies the *Christian Register* for the Library. Meetings at Exeter have been interesting and well attended, and some of the national appeals have been answered. The branch assists in paying the expenses of the church. Walpole does much social and philanthropic work and pays part of the minister's salary. The Study Class has had very attractive programs.

Larger organizations with more abundant means might well try to emulate the busy branch at Andover. Potter Place has successful meetings and a good attendance. The church debt is the first care. Taunton Hill has seventeen interested members. The little band at Bath are looking forward to next summer's church services. At Charlestown the union of all the organizations of the society has proved most successful in every way. Franklin reports much inspiration re-

ceived from the meetings at The Weirs last summer, and expects to extinguish the debt on the church parsonage. Littleton is doing good work, with well-attended meetings. Wilton has added a Field Day to its yearly program. Has discussed "Forty Questions." Laconia gives a supper each month and a play and cafe concert each winter, and has painted the church. Winnisquam Alliance is one year old and full of courage for the future.

Vermont reports that Windsor, though the smallest branch in the state, is energetic and working with a purpose. The Brattleboro branch gives special attention to the Cheerful Letter work, preparing material that may be helpful for children in hospitals. Also instruction is given by correspondence, several of the members having pupils in English, arithmetic and other branches.

Burlington branch, the largest in the state, eighty-eight members, reports, as usual, a most successful season of work. Has given generously to Southern Circuit and numerous other appeals. A Junior Alliance has been organized. In Montpelier regular monthly meetings have been held. The Manual furnished an interesting subject for one meeting, and the A. U. A. another. The Junior Alliance is prosperous and helpful. All branches of the Alliance work were never more promising.

Of the four Rhode Island branches, the First Church, Providence, is the largest, 195 "strong," one of the best in the entire country. The chapel is to be enlarged and improved to meet increasing needs of Sunday school and Alliance. While working hard to accomplish this, no part of Alliance work or responsibilities is neglected. The small branch at Olney St., Providence, keeps together and has worked mainly for the Tuberculosis Home. Westminster Church, Providence, has held all-day meetings as usual, with good interest shown. Newport, with its helpful minister, is busy and active along the best lines.

Connecticut reports show that New London has held twenty-five meetings and many sales, and has paid $200 towards the church. Brooklyn has no meetings to report, the church only open in the summer. Hartford has 43 members and enjoyed a recent visit from Mrs. Davis. Has taken up study of city government, current events, religious intelligence and Unitarianism. Derby has held regular meetings, though with many discouragements, the first object being the church debt. "We are receiving aid and encouragement from many sister branches in making a good-will quilt, with names of donors attached."

Appeals stand thus:

Farmington, Maine, for a Parsonage	$273.00
Montego Bay, Jamaica, for a church	265.00
Memphis, Tenn., for repairs and furnishings	253.00
Ridgewood, N. J., for a Parsonage	205.00
Summit, N. J., for a church	289.00
Winnisquam, N. H., for a church	81.00
Flushing, R. I., furnishings	334.00
Pacific School for Students	35.00
Meadville School, for Students	36.00
Ann Arbor, Mich., for Parish House	355.00

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be held on March 14.

Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

Headquarters; Room 11, 25 Beacon Street, Boston

Rev. Dudley Hays Ferrell, *President*

Miss Grace R. Torr, *Secretary* Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie, *Treasurer*

Directors' Monthly Meeting

The seventh regular monthly meeting of the Executive Board of the Young People's Religious Union for 1912-1913, was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., on Thursday afternon, February 4, 1913, at half past two o'clock.

President Ferrell presided and there were present: Mr. Beatley, Miss Burrage, Mr. Ives, Miss Simmons and the secretary.

The secretary's minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as read.

In the absence of the treasurer, his report was omitted.

The bills were then presented.

VOTED: To pay the bills.

The secretary read her report for the month of January.

VOTED: To accept this report.

The committee on a chairman for the fair reported a desire for more time, which was granted.

Twelve additonal names were reported by the Chairman of the Union-at-Large Committee, with a total membership of 64.

VOTED: To accept this report.

The president named the following as committee on the Annual Meeting: Miss Torr, Mr. Beatley and Miss Cline.

As there was no further business,

Voted: To adjourn.

Grace R. Torr,
Secretary.

Boston Federation

The Boston Federation of Young People's Religious Unions held its midwinter meeting on Sunday, January 26, 1913, at Christ Church, Dix St., Dorchester, Mass.

The opening service, at 4:15 p. m., was conducted by Rev. Ernest S. Meredith of the Third Religious Society, Dorchester. The welcome to the church was extended by Rev. George F. Pratt, the pastor.

The business meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. Leon F. Cummings, at 4:35.

The secretary's report of the last meeting was read and accepted. The treasurer submitted a full report and his report was accepted.

Reports were then heard from the Social, Membership, Ways and Means, and Friendly Service Committees.

The election of the Nominating Committee by individual written ballot was the next business, and the following were elected: Mr. Frank E. Cook, Mr. Ward C. Lincoln, Miss Edwina B. Reynolds, Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie and Mr. Harry R. Austin.

Reports from the unions followed, the manuscripts of which were placed on file with the secretary after the session.

The matter of a Hospitality Committee for the coming Anniversary Week was brought up, and it was decided that a committee of three be chosen to select a member from each union.

The session adjourned at 6:15. Supper was then served in the vestry through the hospitality of Christ Church Union.

The evening session, which began at 7:30, consisted of a prelude on the organ by Mr. Ward C. Lincoln of the

Disciples' Guild; a devotional service conducted by Rev. George F. Pratt; a solo by Mrs. Amy F. C. Darling; an anthem by the volunteer choir of Christ Church; and an address by Rev. Elmer S. Forbes, who changed his assigned topic of "A Social Program for Young People" to "The Christian Social Message," since young people are not a distinctive class in any community.

MARIAN D. RICHARDS,
Secretary.

Boston Federation Entertainment

The annual entertainment of the Boston Federation this year took the form of an "Extravagandrama, The Fly-Away Princess," a musical play in four acts, written and staged by the secretary of the federation, Miss Marian D. Richards; and was presented to a large and appreciative audience in Whitney Hall, Brookline, Mass., on Friday evening, February 28, at 8 o'clock.

This original play, full of bright and entertaining scenes, songs and dances, varied costumes and catchy music, was rendered for the first time on any stage by a selected cast of fifty or more young people from the Unitarian churches of Greater Boston, in support of the working fund of the federation. Home-made candy was sold during the acts, and altogether a goodly sum was netted for the federation.

The list of patronesses included sixty well-known women in Boston and vicinity.

Indoor Picnic of Boston Federation

The midwinter Indoor Picnic has also become another annual feature of the Boston Federation. Plans are already made for its celebration again this year in the parlors of the Third Religious Society, Dorchester, Mass., on Saturday afternoon, March 29. The program includes games at 4 o'clock, with a box lunch and hot chocolate at 6, followed by an evening of dancing.

South Middlesex Federation

The South Middlesex Federation will hold its next regular meeting on Friday evening, March 7, 1913, in the vestry of the First Parish Church, Cambridge, Mass.

The program includes a brief reception, followed by supper at 6:30 o'clock, Rev. Samuel M. Crothers, D. D., presiding. At 7:30 a musical comedy, "The New Minister," will be presented by the Martineau League of West Somerville, with a cast of thirty-five people. Informal dancing until 10 o'clock will follow.

Tickets, admitting to supper, entertainment and dancing, are on sale by the different unions in the federation, and may also be procured of Miss Edwina H. Jewett, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

A general good time is anticipated and it is expected that everyone, interested in the federation and the Unitarian young people in South Middlesex County, will make a special effort to attend.

Life Memberships

Since last reported the Life Membership list has gained an additional name,—that of Mr. Walter M. Hatch of Wollaston, Mass., making the total to date, 206.

A Life Membership costs ten dollars; and it has often been suggested that unions make the minister, the president, the secretary, or other faithful officer a Life Member in the Young People's Religious Union. One or two of the federations do this an-

nually and it is a worthy custom for our unions and other of the federations to follow.

The principal is kept as a special fund, reserved for this purpose, the interest of which only can be used. Part of the principal has already been invested in a good interest-paying bond and it is hoped soon to purchase another.

Union-at-Large

The WORD AND WORK, with tracts, has been mailed monthly to all names on the list and to any other college students or young people away from home, whose names have been received during the fall and winter; and we should be glad to be put in touch with any other young men and women who desire such reading. The committee would also be grateful for the changed addresses of any members of the Union-at-Large who have left school or college and still wish for the literature.

The Chairman of this branch of our work is Miss Almira E. Simmons, 34 So. Central Ave., Wollaston, Mass.; and Miss Simmons would welcome any suggestions concerning the work and would be happy to advise with anyone seeking information.

Contributions

The unions are reminded that the fiscal year closes on Wednesday, April 30, 1913, so there remain exactly two months more to send in any dues that are contemplated.

The Board of Directors is obliged to practise rigid economy at the best, as there is but a small balance in the treasury upon which to draw. The second half of the pledges to the student assistant work in the college town churches of the Middle West must be paid and the general running expenses met. The fair next autumn is still several months off and no estimate can be placed on its net profits.

Any union that has neglected to pay its contribution for two consecutive years to the central organization forfeits its membership and can have no representation at the Annual Meeting next May.

Kindly give this matter of the finances a few minutes' careful thought; and above all, be sure to inquire if your union has sent in its annual dues. Your interest in this subject may be the very incentive that the local union needs to remind it of its obligations.

The Nominating Committee

Our unions at this season of the year ought to know and become familiar at least with the names of the Nominating Committee, to whom advice and recommendations for officers and directors may now be forwarded. The committee hopes every union will send in one name for consideration.

The following comprise the Nominating Committee for 1913:

Chairman, Rev. Palfrey Perkins, 18 Sutherland Road, Brighton, Mass.
Mr. Fred G. May, Jr., Dorchester, Mass.
Mr. Henry G. Rogers, Yarmouth, Maine.
Mr. Harrison R. Hunt, Meadville, Pa.
Miss Ada J. Bendel, Los Angeles, Cal.

Office Notes

We are glad to receive this word from one of the recent federations—the Philadelphia Federation—composed of unions and young people's societies in that neighborhood: "The Philadelphia Federation had a splen-

did meeting at the First Church in December, Rev. John Haynes Holmes of New York giving us a capital talk on 'The Signs of the Times.' After listening to the address, we all had a great deal to think about. Our minds had been awakened to so many things."

The address, "The Forward Look," delivered by Hon. Sanford Bates at the Tenth Anniversary of the Boston Federation and printed in the January WORD AND WORK, has received much favorable comment, and numerous have been the demands for copies of this issue. All interested in the federation movement should read it.

A "History of the Boston Federation" was prepared and read at the recent Tenth Anniversary by Miss Beatrice A. Clark, a former secretary, which history is full of interesting facts in connection with the early days of the federation. Lack of space has prevented its being published in this column.

The Union-at-Large Committee sent out sixty-two copies of WORD AND WORK, with an equal number of timely tracts during the month of January. During February sixty-seven were mailed.

There have been several requests of late for our younger laymen to speak and address young people's societies. It is sometimes most difficult to find speakers for certain occasions, so the names of any volunteers would be hailed with appreciation.

A symposium is shortly to appear in *The Christian Register,* by several of our ministers, on "How the Young People's Religious Union Has Helped Me in My Work."

The many friends of a former president, Mr. Carleton Ames Wheeler, will be pleased to learn that his present address is Hollywood High School, Hollywood, California.

Notes from the Field

Yarmouth, Me.—"An interesting and enjoyable event was the musical entertainment which was given in the vestry of the Unitarian Church on Friday evening, under the auspices of the Young People's Religious Union. A large and appreciative audience greeted the singers, and each number was warmly applauded.

"The program was divided into two parts, the young people taking charge of the first. The stage was prettily arranged as a college boys' room and was made attractive with banners and other emblems of college sports. The young people meet here to practise for a future musical entertainment and 'The Rehearsal' takes place here.

"Part II. was the Old Folks' Concert, and those who took part were dressed in old-fashioned costumes and sang their lively and doleful tunes with great zest, keeping the audience in a state of levity from start to finish. Rev. Leverett R. Daniels acted as singing master."

Bolton, Mass.—The subjects of the Bolton Union for March include "Transcendentalism and Radicalism," "Unitarian Representatives," "Characteristics of Unitarianism," "Present Unitarian Activities in Education and Philanthropy," and an evening with Unitarian Hymnists.

Hyde Park, Mass.—A neighborhood gathering was held on Sunday evening, February 23, with a good attendance, the speaker on this occasion being Rev. Dudley Hays Ferrell, the president of the Young People's Religious Union.

Detroit, Mich.—The union in Detroit is studying for the spring months, "Unitarian Leaders." Those for March include "The Pioneers, Preachers and Seers."

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Some Things Unitarians Might Do for Temperance

We often fail to help the world as we might, because we neglect to do the apparently little things, which, taken together, really control human affairs and remake civilization.

Let me briefly indicate a few ways in which we Unitarians might help on this great cause which is so intimately inwoven with all other good causes: Things that all of us can do or co-operate with others in doing.

I. Every parent can see to it that some good book on this subject is on the home library table, to be a silent but powerful teacher. There are many such. I will mention two: Dr. Jones' "On the Firing Line in the Battle for Sobriety" and Sir Victor Horsley's "Alcohol and the Human Body," each fifty cents.

II. Mill and factory owners can easily place on conspicuous bill-boards on their premises bulletins which would give, from month to month, some of the startling facts respecting the results of the use of liquor. This is being widely done in Europe by municipalities and private corporations.

III. The officers of our local conferences ought to give more attention to this subject in making their programmes: Not old-fashioned temperance preachments or political harangues, but the careful and concise presentation of scientific discoveries, still unfortunately unknown to many educated people.

IV. Friends of Temperance ought to protest vigorously against "the bill-board profanity," which desecrates our landscapes, and also against the liquor advertisements in otherwise respectable newspapers. If good people would make themselves heard at these points, the rising generation would be greatly helped. How to do it? Send a protesting postcard or letter to the manager of the paper. Get up a petition and present it to the owner of the land where such a bill-board is located or to the superintendent of the public service company that allows such things.

V. Someone in every parish ought to see to it that a good-sized chart, giving graphically the injurious effects of beer and whiskey, as shown in insurance, industry, medicine, athletics and demonstrated in scientific laboratories, be hung in every Sunday school. This information ought, now and then, to be put on the blackboard. It would make a powerful impression, even if not a word were said about it.

VI. A very effective method of temperance education is the "Public Exhibit," which is coming into wide use abroad: pictures, diagrams, illustrations, statements by scientific authorities (printed in large type), which show the destructive effect of alcohol upon human life. These may be easily made or bought; they need not be expensive or ornate. Put them in some conspicuous place in city or village. Soon all towns would get the habit.

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5 TOURS TO EUROPE

in connection with the

World-Congress of Free Christianity and Religious Progress at Paris, July 16-22, 1913

Steamship **Teutonic**, from Montreal, June 28, 1913

Tour One. England, Scotland, France, Belgium.

June 28 by the "Teutonic," 10,000 tons, only Seven Days (but four days on the open ocean) from Montreal to Liverpool. Thence to English Lake District, Robert Burns's country, Glasgow, the Trossachs, Lochs Katrine and Lomond, Edinburgh, Warwick, Stratford-on-Avon, London, Dover-Calais to Paris (one week's stay,) Brussels, Antwerp. Sail by Red Star Steamer for Boston, arriving August 5. (This tour can be extended, at option, by any member of the party).

These tours include fares on steamships and railroads, accommodations at first-class hotels, free transfers of passengers and their luggage, liberal amount of carriage drives and local excursions, all necessary fees to servants, porters, etc., and the services of competent conductors from Liverpool on until arrival at the steamship dock in Antwerp. Also a full membership in the Congress, a copy of the printed report of its proceedings, and participation in its banquet and various congress excursions and courtesies.

Cost, 39 days' tour $275

34 days' tour per "Arabic" . . . $265

Tour Two. England, Scotland, France, Switzerland, Holland, the Rhine, Belgium.

By the "Teutonic" from Montreal June 28, or the "Arabic" from Boston, July 1, 1913. Route as per Tour One to Paris. Thence to Geneva, Chillon, Interlaken, Lauterbrunnen, Wengern Alp, Grindelwald, Brienz, Brünig Pass, Lucerne, Rhigi, Bâle, Heidelberg, Mayence, the Rhine to Cologne, Amsterdam, Isle of Marken, Hague, Scheveningen, Brussels, Antwerp. Red Star steamship, arriving in Boston August 17.

Cost, 51 days, all included $400

Tour Three. England, Scotland, France, Belgium, Holland, the Rhine, Switzerland, Italy.

By the "Teutonic" from Montreal, June 28, or the "Arabic" from Boston, July 1, 1913. Route as per Tour One to Paris. Thence to Brussels, Antwerp,

Steamship **Arabic**, from Boston, July 1, 1913

The Hague, Amsterdam, Scheveningen, Isle of Marken, Cologne, the Rhine to Mayence, Heidelberg, Basle, Berne, Interlaken, Lauterbrunnen, and Grindelwald, Meiringen, Brunig Pass, Lucerne, Rhigi, via St. Gotthard Tunnel to Lugano, Bellagio, Como, Milan, Venice, Florence, Rome, Naples, Pompeii, White Star steamship ($90 berth included) to Boston, via the Azores, arriving in Boston September 1.

Cost, 65 days, all included $540

Tour Four. England, Scotland, Paris, Brittany and the French Château District.

By the "Teutonic" from Montreal, June 28, or the "Arabic" from Boston, July 1, 1913. Route same as Tour One to Paris. From Paris to Rouen, Normandy. Thence tour in Brittany, Caen, Avranches, Pontorson, Monte-St.-Michel, Brest, Quimper, Auray, (Carnac), Nantes, Angers, Tours, and the Château country of France; motor excursion to Chenonceaux, Chambord, Blois, etc.; Orleans, Paris, Brussels, Antwerp. Red Star liner for Boston, arriving August 17.

Cost, 51 days, all included $400

Tour Five. Brittany, Touraine, Pyrenees, Spain.

By the "Teutonic" from Montreal, June 28, or the "Arabic" from Boston, July 1, 1913. Route same as Tour Four to Blois (August 4). Thence to Bordeaux, Pau in the Pyrenees, Lourdes, Biarritz, Burgos, Madrid, Escorial, Toledo, Cordova, Seville, Granada, Alhambra, Gibraltar, sailing by Cunard or North German Lloyd steamer ($90 passage included), arriving in New York August 30.

Cost, 63 days, all included $580

For full particulars of these trips apply for detailed circular of 12 pages. Applications for information or membership in the party may be made to **Rev. Charles W. Wendte, D. D., General Secretary of the International Meetings at Paris, 25 Beacon Street, Boston.**

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